

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 (lines 6 to 8) as follows:

This application is a ~~continuation-in-part of prior~~ division of United States Patent Application 10/152,182, filed 20 May 2002, and now United States Patent 6,698,270, which in turn claims priority to United States Provisional Application ~~provisional application U.S.S.N. 60/291,876,~~ which was filed on May 18, 2001, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 therefrom.

Please amend the third paragraph on page 1 (lines 18 to 24) as follows:

Containers or cartridges for medical fluids or dosing aerosols for inhalers are named as examples of test subjects from the field of medicine. For example, reference is made to documents EP 0 775 076 B1, WO 00/49988, WO 97/39831, and WO ~~WP~~ 00/23037. All of the cartridges or containers described therein must be tested for their leaktightness. The methods used to this end include systems employing the hereinbefore-mentioned pressure-maintaining principle. The disclosures of such publications are herein incorporated by reference.